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**RE : APPLICATION NO. 09/980,649
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 2632-1-001
PETITION TO WITHDRAW A HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT**

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MADE IN PCT OPERATIONS UNDER 37 CFR 1.181**

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Attorney Docket No.: 2632-1-001

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Pierre Belhumeur et al. EXAMINER: Unknown
SERIAL NO : 09/980,649 ART UNIT: Unknown
FILED : October 24, 2001
FOR : BIOLOGICAL INDICATORS FOR VALIDATING A PRION
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**PETITION TO WITHDRAW A HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT MADE IN PCT
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ATTENTION: PCT LEGAL ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner under 37 CFR 1.181 to withdraw a holding of abandonment that was made under 37 CFR 1.53(f) or (g) having a mailing date of January 13, 2003. The Notice of Abandonment specified that there was a failure to timely or properly reply to a Notice To File Missing Parts of Application, which notice was mailed January 23, 2002, and that the failure

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in question was "no reply was received". Applicants base the herein petition on the fact that such reply was filed and received by PCT Operations and that such filings were conducted in accordance with appropriate mailing procedures and within the times specified for such submissions. The facts pertaining to the present application and applicants' actions in relation to same, are set forth below.

Initially, the application entered the National Phase before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office PCT Operations on October 24, 2001. Applicants received a Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 USC 371 which was mailed to applicants on January 23, 2002. The notification indicated that there were two outstanding matters, specifically, the oath or declaration of the inventors and the \$65.00 surcharge. Applicants responded to this notice by correspondence that was placed in express mailing on March 25, 2002, which is considered timely in view of the fact that March 23, 2002 fell on a Saturday. A copy of applicants submission including the requisite documents and payment and including a copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements, is included herewith as Exhibit 1.

Applicants then received a Notification of Defective Response mailed April 17, 2002. The Notification of Defective Response indicated that the oath or declaration of inventors was non-compliant in accordance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) in that (a) it does not identify the application to which it is directed; (b) it does not state the person making the oath or declaration believes the inventors are the original and first inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought. Applicants' documents were reviewed and it was observed that the Notification was likely based on the fact that the first page of the Declaration and Power of Attorney had inadvertently not been included in the response to Notification of Missing Requirements. Accordingly, applicants prepared and forwarded a copy of the Declaration, including page 1 and forwarded this to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for filing on May 15, 2002, two days prior to the expiration date of the (1) month term for response without extension, that was specified in the Notification of Defective Response. A copy of applicants response filed May 15, 2002 is enclosed together with a canceled postcard evidencing receipt by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Copies of this correspondence which include a copy of the Notification of Defective Response, are attached hereto as Exhibit 2.

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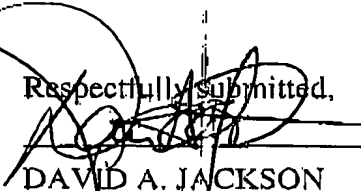
Applicants subsequently received a Notice of Abandonment, which notice was mailed on January 13, 2003. Applicants reviewed the notice and filed a Request for Withdrawal of Incorrect Abandonment as of February 5, 2003. A copy is enclosed as Exhibit 3. The particular format for such a request had been previously utilized by applicants' representative in circumstances where it was determined that the record was clear with regard to compliance, and such a submission had been accepted in the form indicated. This submission, which enclosed the documents set forth in Exhibits 1 and 2 herein, was therefore believed to be responsive to the Notice of Abandonment, and applicants anticipated in ordinary course, that the application would be reinstated and that processing and examination of the application would take place.

The circumstances that gave rise to the present inquiry and corresponding petition, resulted from an inquiry by the client as to the status of the matter. Personnel of the law firm of the undersigned endeavored to locate the file which apparently had been misfiled, and upon retrieving the same, noted that further correspondence from the PTO had not been received subsequent to applicants' response to the Notice of Abandonment.

In summary, applicants believe that the abandonment of the present application was incorrect and that withdrawal is appropriate. Moreover, applicants attribute any delay in the preparation and submission of the within petition to the inadvertent failure to docket the file for further call-up and review prior to the discovery of the present circumstance as enumerated herein above. Applicants request accordingly, that the Commissioner exercise discretion in applicants' favor in view of the circumstances herein, and that the present application be restored to the pending rolls. Such action is, accordingly, courteously solicited.

Also enclosed herewith is the requisite fee mandated by 37 CFR 1.17(h) in the amount of \$130.00. Authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account #11-1153 of the undersigned, and a Fee Transmittal is likewise enclosed.

Respectfully Submitted,


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FEE TRANSMITTAL
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Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$130.00)

Complete if Known

Application Number	09/980,649
Filing Date	October 24, 2001
First Named Inventor	Pierre Belhumeur et al.
Examiner Name	Unknown
Art Unit	Unknown
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1001	770	2001	385	Utility filing fee	
1002	340	2002	170	Design filing fee	
1003	530	2003	265	Plant filing fee	
1004	770	2004	385	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Independent Claims	-20** =	X	
Multiple Dependent Claims	-3** =	X	

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1204	85	2204	43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
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1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	65	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	960	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,010	2255	1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	
1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	280	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	65	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,330	2453	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,330	2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	480	2502	240	Design issue fee	
1503	640	2503	320	Plant issue fee	
1450	130	1450	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	130.
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	770	2809	385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.128(a))	
1810	770	2810	385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.128(b))	
1801	770	2801	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify)

*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

SUBTOTAL (3) (\$130.00)

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Serial No. 09/980,649 File No. 2632-1-001 By DAJ/mb
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In the Matter of the Application of Pierre Belhumeur et al.
The following was received in the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office on the date
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Re: Entry Into The National Phase in U.S. Based on
International Patent Application No. PCT/CA00/00446
Inventor(s) : Pierre BELHUMEUR *et al*
Applicant(s) : Université de Montréal
Title : BIOLOGICAL INDICATORS FOR VALIDATING A
PRION STERILIZATION PROCESS
Serial No. : 09/980,649
Filing Date : October 24, 2001
Docket No. : 2632-1-001

EXPRESS MAIL "MAILING CERTIFICATE NO." : EV052401741US
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SUBMISSION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER
35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Notification of Missing Requirements Parts of Application under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the U.S. Designated/Elected Office, copy enclosed, Applicants submit herewith the following:

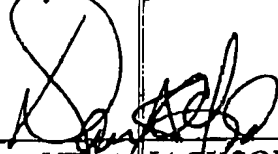
1. A combined Declaration and Power of Attorney making reference to the above-identified application, and in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63.
2. Check in the amount of \$65.00 representing the surcharge (small entity) for late filing of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.

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Applicant hereby authorizes that any charges in addition to the above authorized that relate to the filing and processing of the present Application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 may be charged to Deposit Account No. 11-1153. A duplicate copy of this letter is provided for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,



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Docket No: 2632-1-001

**COMBINED DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN
PATENT APPLICATION (37 CFR 1.63) AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120 of any United States application(s), or 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application.

U.S. Parent Application or PCT Parent Number	Parent Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Parent Patent Number (if applicable)
PCT/CA00/00446	04/20/2000	

☐ Additional U.S. or PCT International application numbers are listed on a supplemental priority data sheet PTO/SB/02B attached hereto:

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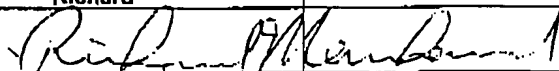
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*DOO 7/23/02***NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)**

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495):

- U.S. Basic National Fees
- Indication of Small Entity Status
- Copy of IPE Report
- Copy of references cited in ISR
- Copy of the International Application
- Copy of the International Search Report
- Preliminary Amendments
- Request for Immediate Examination

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the international application number and international filing date.
- \$65 Surcharge for providing the oath or declaration later than the appropriate 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)) is required.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTH FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 22 or 32 MONTHS (where 37 CFR 1.495 applies) FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$85 for a Small Entity:

- \$85 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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PART 1 - ATTORNEY/APPLICANT COPY

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Serial No. 09/480,649 File No. 26321-001 By DAJ/mb
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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF DEFECTIVE RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the communication dated April 17, 2002, applicants submit herewith a substitute copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney that was initially submitted by applicants as of March 25, 2002 by Express Mail.

Accordingly, the Declaration and Power of Attorney attached hereto includes a total of four pages. The Declaration and Power of Attorney that was submitted in response to the Notice of Missing Requirements contained only three pages, and these are identified on the lower margin thereof with the legends "Page 2 of 4," "Page 3 of 4" and "Page 4 of 4," and thus failed to include Page 1 of the Declaration. Page 1 of the Declaration in turn, contains

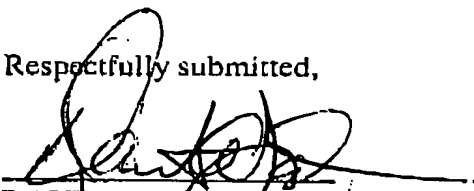
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the information that is deemed to be lacking and that has rendered the present application informal.

Applicants believe that the attached Declaration and Power of Attorney which is represented herein to be identical in substance to that which was submitted earlier, is fully responsive and resolves the outstanding informalities in this case.

Accordingly, acceptance of the enclosed Declaration and Power of Attorney and favorable action in the award of a formal filing date and for the processing of the application are believed to be in order, and are courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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Date: May 15, 2002

Enclosure

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**COMBINED
DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN
PATENT APPLICATION (37 CFR 1.63)
AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

☐ Declaration Submitted with Initial Filing OR ☐ Declaration Submitted after Initial Filing (surcharge (37 CFR 1.18(e)) required)

Attorney Docket Number _____

First Named Inventor Pierre Belhumeur et al.*Complete if known*

Application Number _____

Filing Date _____

Group Art Unit _____

Examiner Name _____

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

BIOLOGICAL INDICATORS FOR VALIDATING A PRION STERILIZATION-PROCESS

the specification of which

☐ is attached hereto.

OR

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

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☐ Additional foreign application numbers are listed on a supplemental priority data sheet PTO/SB/02B attached hereto:

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

Application Number(s)	Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)
60/130,845	04/26/1999

☐ Additional provisional application numbers are listed on a supplemental priority data sheet PTO/SB/02B attached hereto.

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120 of any United States application(s), or 365(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application.

U.S. Parent Application or PCT Parent Number	Parent Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Parent Patent Number (if applicable)
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As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following registered practitioner(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent Trademark Office connected therewith:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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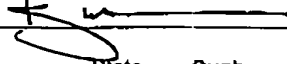
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**ADDITIONAL INVENTOR(S)
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NOTIFICATION OF DEFECTIVE RESPONSE

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495):

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- Copy of IPE Report
- Copy of references cited in ISR
- Copy of the International Application
- Copy of the International Search Report
- Oath or Declaration
- Preliminary Amendments
- Request for Immediate Examination

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date. The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) in that it:
 - does not identify the application to which it is directed.
 - does not state the person making the oath or declaration believes the named inventor or inventors to be the original and first inventor or inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought.

Applicant is required to complete the response within a time limit of ONE MONTH from the date of this Notification or within the time remaining in the response set forth in the Notification of Missing Requirements, whichever is the longer. No extension of this time limit may be granted under 37 CFR 1.136, but the period for response set in the Notification of Missing Requirements may be extended under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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 - does not state that the person making the oath or declaration acknowledges the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to the person to be material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

ANITA D JOHNSON

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U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER NO.	INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.	ATTY. DOCKET NO.
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Serial No. 09/980,649 File No. 2632-1-001 By DAJ/mb
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In the Matter of the Application of Pierre Belhumeur et al.
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David A. Jackson, Reg. No. 26,742
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Martha Bussanich 2/5/03
(Signature and Date)

REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF INCORRECT ABANDONMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants request herewith that the Notice of Abandonment dated January 13, 2003 be vacated, as a proper response to the outstanding Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated January 23, 2002, was filed.

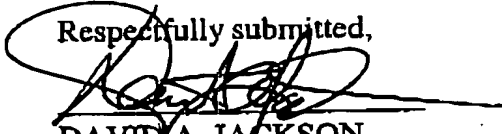
In the present instance, a Response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application was submitted on March 25, 2002, including the Surcharge for response to the Notice, along with the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. Subsequently, applicants received a Notification of Defective Response having a mailing date of April 17, 2002, specifying that the Declaration submitted in the previous response lacked the identity of the application to which it is directed and did not make reference to the statement that the persons making the oath or declaration

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believe themselves to be the inventor or inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought. A response to the Notification of Defective Response was filed on May 15, 2002, prior to the one (1) month due date for a response to the Notification. Copies of both responses and validated postcard receipts evidencing receipt of the within responses at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, are enclosed herewith.

In view of the fact that a response was duly filed, favorable consideration and withdrawal of the Notice of Abandonment and restoration of the present application to the pending rolls for purposes of further processing, are believed to be in order, and are courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.53 (f) OR (g)

The above-identified application is abandoned for failure to timely or properly reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed on 01/23/2002.

- No reply was received.

A petition to the Commissioner under 37 CFR 1.137 may be filed requesting that the application be revived.

Under 37 CFR 1.137(a), a petition requesting the application be revived on the grounds of **UNAVOIDABLE DELAY** must be filed promptly after the applicant becomes aware of the abandonment and such petition must be accompanied by: (1) an adequate showing of the cause of unavoidable delay; (2) the required reply to the above-identified Notice; (3) the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(l); and (4) a terminal disclaimer if required by 37 CFR 1.137(d).

Under 37 CFR 1.137(b), a petition requesting the application be revived on the grounds of **UNINTENTIONAL DELAY** must be filed promptly after applicant becomes aware of the abandonment and such petition must be accompanied by: (1) a statement that the entire delay was unintentional; (2) the required reply to the above-identified Notice; (3) the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m); and (4) a terminal disclaimer if required by 37 CFR 1.137(d).

Any questions concerning petitions to revive should be directed to "Office of Petitions" at (703) 305-9282.

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